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COUNCILMEMBER LEE AND MISSION CITY COMMUNITY NETWORK ANNOUNCE NEW PARTNERSHIP TO BRING BASIC MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO THE VALLEY’S UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

NORTHRIDGE -- Councilmember John Lee and the Mission City Community Network today announced a new partnership that will bring mobile mental and physical health care services to underserved residents in the northwest San Fernando Valley.

“For many uninsured and low-income families in the Valley, access to health care and social services is still a struggle,” said Councilmember John Lee. “I am proud to partner with Mission City Community Network and join their efforts to bring physical and mental health services to more of our underserved populations.”

“Today is the start of a powerful new partnership with Councilman John Lee,” said Nik Gupta, CEO of MCCN. “I want to thank the Councilman because he understands the importance of helping our most vulnerable neighbors through these services MCCN provides. With so many people out of work and without health insurance during these trying economic times, we need to make sure we are standing in the gap for them to prevent difficult circumstances from becoming worse.”

The partnership launched today with a dental clinic for families served by LAPD Devonshire PALS, an organization that serves some of the lowest income working families in the Valley. Working with the Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission, the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission, and Volunteers of America, the partnership next plans to bring mobile health care services to the interim housing facilities in the Twelfth District.

“We are excited at the prospect of having this mobile clinic coming to the Trebek Center once it opens,” said Ken Craft, CEO of Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission. “Individuals experiencing homelessness often lack access to regular medical care, and because of that, it is not uncommon for existing physical and mental health problems to become exacerbated.”

Mission City Community Network’s mobile clinic services include physical examinations, dental examinations, general medicine, blood tests, immunizations/vaccinations, onsite laboratory services, women’s health, and behavioral health. The organization operates eight not-for-profit brick-and-mortar clinics across the San Fernando Valley and 17 across Los Angeles County. The mobile clinics expand the reach of MCCN’s existing clinics by bringing these needed health services directly to underserved populations, making access to care easier.

“In addition to places like our interim housing facilities, my office will be working with MCCN to expand this partnership to reach low-income children and families, low-income seniors, and others in the Valley who have difficulty getting the care they need,” said Councilmember Lee. “I am very grateful that we have the resources and commitment of MCCN to really make a difference in the health and lives of our residents.”

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Los Angeles City Councilmember John Lee represents the Twelfth Council District in the Northwest San Fernando Valley which includes the communities of Northridge, Chatsworth, Granada Hills, North Hills, West Hills, Porter Ranch, Sherwood Forest, and portions of Reseda.